

Clair Borough and the many contributions he has made to Schuylkill County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Tomko began his public life as committeeman for the West Precinct in St. Clair at the age of 21. Soon after, in 1970, he became the chairman of the St. Clair Republican Party, a position he holds to this day. At the age of 23, Mr. Tomko was elected to the St. Clair Borough Council and served 8 years, including 5 years as council president. In 1980, Mr. Tomko resigned from the council to become borough secretary until he was appointed to the Police Civil Service Commission where he served for 3 years.

In 1985, Richard Tomko was elected mayor of St. Clair. Mayor Tomko was re-elected four times, serving 20 years in the position. A high school government teacher, neighbor, and friend, Mr. Tomko continues to be a vital member of the community, also serving on my Military Academy Recommendation Board.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to recognize a man who has dedicated his entire life to the borough of St. Clair, helping hundreds of people in my district, including myself. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Richard E. Tomko on his many years of devoted public service and thank him for the many contributions he has made toward the well being of the citizens of St. Clair, Schuylkill County, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HONORING SCOTT TUCKER OF
PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to honor Scott Tucker, of Petaluma, California. On January 1, 2006, Scott will officially retire after 13 years as the San Francisco District Manager, and 38 years with the United States Postal Service. He is the longest serving postal service executive at any major metropolitan area in consecutive years.

Mr. Tucker's career with the U.S. Postal Service began in 1968 in Hanford, California as a letter carrier. He held a succession of managerial positions in postal operations, until in September 1992, he was appointed to his current position as the San Francisco District Manager.

As the District Manager, Scott is responsible on a daily basis for the delivery of approximately 10 million pieces of mail to 3 million customers throughout northwest California that ranges from Sunnyvale in the south to the Oregon border in the north. He supervises a workforce of 10,400 mail carriers, mail handlers, mail clerks, postmasters, and operations managers. In the North Bay we have grown to approximately 3,000 employees spread throughout 205 postal facilities under Scott's leadership.

The San Francisco postal district has for nine consecutive quarters, under Scott's leadership, received the "Order of Yellow Jersey" award for excellence in customer satisfaction and commitment to professionalism. The district has been repeatedly recognized by IBM's Business Consulting Services Unit, as one of

the best on-time mail services for any metropolitan area in the Nation.

In the past 13 years, Scott has helped increase awareness of multi-cultural groups within the district. Under his leadership, numerous diversity leadership advisory councils were established including the Women's Council, African American Council, Asian American/Pacific Island Council, and the Hispanic Council. The Bay Area Federal Executive Board recognized his efforts and presented him with a diversity leadership achievement award.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that we honor Scott Tucker today for the years he has dedicated to consistently improving upon how we all receive our mail. The San Francisco District of the U.S. Postal Service employees and customers will greatly miss him. He has left some very big shoes to fill.

HONORING RETIRED ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM THE TOWN OF
BRANT, NY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor three dedicated public servants whose service to the town of Brant has been effective and honorable. I wish today to honor retiring Town Supervisor Samuel J. Chiavetta and retiring Council Members Eugene Czyz and Marting Rosiek.

Although one of the smallest towns in Erie County and among the smallest in the 27th Congressional District, the town of Brant is in many ways a very natural bridge between the two counties that make up the 27th District—Erie County in the north and Chautauqua County in the south. Though a tiny rural farming community, the town of Brant is an important part of our region, and I am pleased to honor its retiring elected leaders today.

Supervisor Chiavetta, Councilman Czyz and Councilman Rosiek served as a effective public officials during a time of change, both in Brant as well as throughout western New York. Their service was to the taxpayers who elected them to public office, and their dedication to their town and to their community is steadfast. I am honored to have been able to call them colleagues in government.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to thank you for this opportunity to honor these three fine public servants, and I want to wish to them and to their many friends, family members and public supporters all the best of good luck and Godspeed in their future endeavors.

SALUTING RADIO ONE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Radio One, the nation's largest Black-operated electronic media company. Radio One is also the country's seventh largest radio broadcasting company, and has had 25 great years of broad-

casting excellence both nationally and in Dallas. This radio station has stood the test of time and has proudly served the community as a source of entertainment, election coverage, local news, and national events. Over the years, Radio One has undergone many technological and managerial changes and has become a pioneer in electronic broadcasting by combining innovative technology with reliable service.

Radio One is the leading radio broadcasting company targeting African-Americans. Founded in 1980, the company owns and operates 69 radio stations in 22 markets. Of these stations, 39 (29 FM and 10 AM) are in 14 of the top 20 African-American markets. I am proud to say that KBFB-FM as well as KSOC-FM operate in Dallas, Texas.

Radio One's Chairperson and co-founder, Catherine L. Hughes, and her son, Alfred C. Liggins, III, acting as the Chief Executive Officer and President, together have more than 50 years of operating experience in the radio broadcasting industry. Ms. Hughes, Mr. Liggins, and their outstanding management team have successfully implemented a strategy of acquiring and turning around underperforming radio stations. Their strategy for their radio broadcasting business is to continue to expand within our existing markets and into new markets that have a significant African-American presence.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Radio One in their efforts to radio broadcasting primarily targeting African-Americans. Their work continues to have significant growth potential in the African-American market and the radio industry in general.

Over the past 25 years, Radio One, KBFB-FM and KSOC-FM in Dallas have been a part of every major event that has occurred in Dallas and in the Nation. I am certain that they will maintain their high standards and strong foundation as it crosses the threshold into the 21st century. Dedication, philanthropy, foresight, and innovation have kept Radio One and its affiliates successful for 25 years and those same traits will carry it successfully into the future.

On behalf of the thousands of Greater Dallas Metroplex residents who have benefited from Radio One's broadcasting effort, I thank the station, its management, and its employees for their extraordinary contributions. I congratulate Ms. Cathy Hughes in advance as Radio One will be recognized at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC in the summer of 2006. I trust that their contributions to the community will continue to lead the way for many more years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JERRY
TIPPENS

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Jerry Tippens, a pillar of my Congressional District and Oregon for the past 40 years. Jerry died on November 28, 2005 at the age of 74.

Jerry came to Oregon in the early 1960s to work as a journalist for The Oregon Journal, covering among other things the Oregon state